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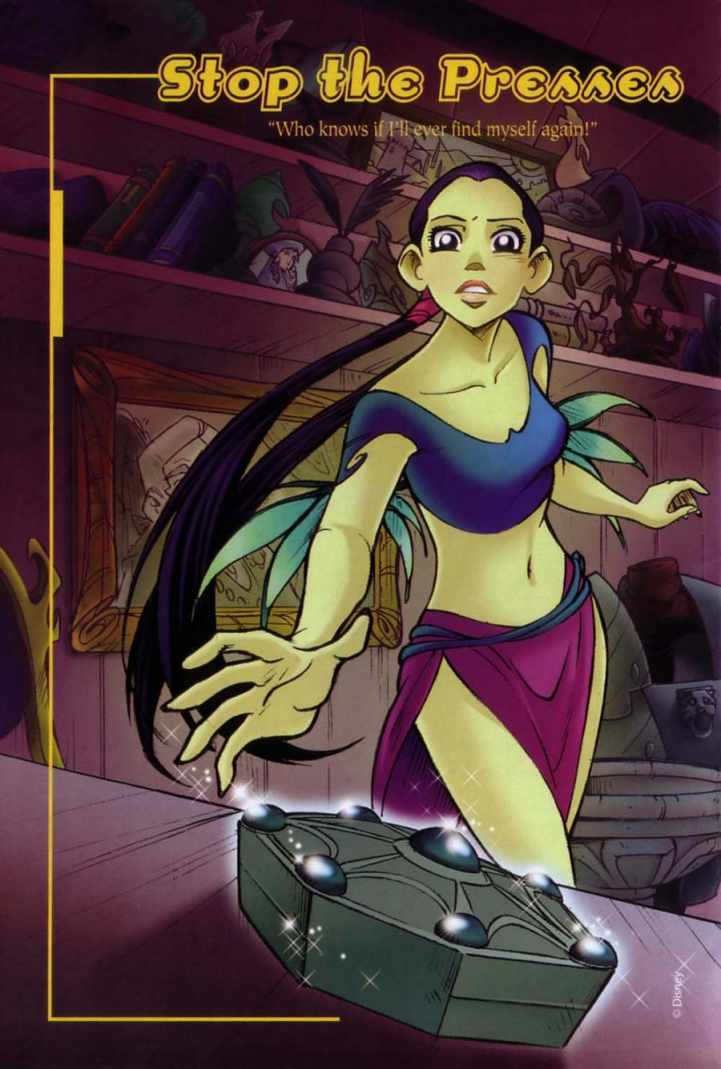
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"Who knows if I'll ever find myself again!"
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HEATHERFIELD, A PEACEFUL TOWN WITH STREETS, BUILDINGS, SCHOOLS...
BUT THE ATMOSPHERE ISN'T ALL THAT PEACEFUL TODAY AT SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE...
AARGH!
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I SPY A SPY!
THE HOTTEST SCOOP
What was Irma Lair doing outside the boys' locker room?
WHAT'S WRONG, LITTLE MISS MANNERS? AREN'T YOU HAPPY TO HAVE YOUR FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME?
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WELL, THE GRUMPER SISTERS HAVE A POINT! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT...
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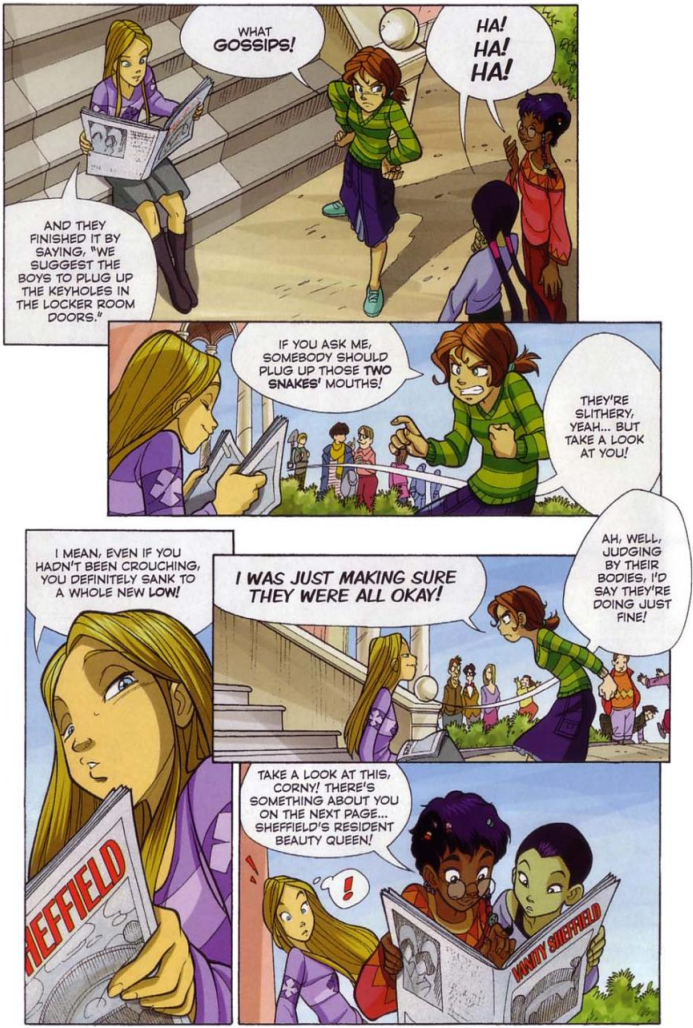
It seems the boys on the basketball team were wondering the same thing, but we'll give you the answer:
She was playing hide and peek!


WHAT GOSSIPS!
HA! HA! HA!
AND THEY FINISHED IT BY SAYING, "WE SUGGEST THE BOYS TO PLUG UP THE KEYHOLES IN THE LOCKER ROOM DOORS."
IF YOU ASK ME, SOMEBODY SHOULD PLUG UP THOSE TWO SNAKES' MOUTHS!
THEY'RE SLITHERY, YEAH... BUT TAKE A LOOK AT YOU!
AH, WELL, JUDGING BY THEIR BODIES, I'D SAY THEY'RE DOING JUST FINE!
I WAS JUST MAKING SURE THEY WERE ALL OKAY!
I MEAN, EVEN IF YOU HADN'T BEEN CROUCHING, YOU DEFINITELY SANK TO A WHOLE NEW LOW!
HEFFIELD
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, CORNY! THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU ON THE NEXT PAGE... SHEFFIELD'S RESIDENT BEAUTY QUEEN!
!
VANITY SHEFFIELD

Beauty, Yes... But Brains?
Even a small problem, which people of normal intelligence could solve in a few seconds, can become an insurmountable obstacle for a blonde. Especially if her name is Cornelia Hale.
LISTEN TO THIS: "WHAT'S THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING BORN AS PRETTY AS SHE IS? THERE ISN'T ONE. IT'S SIMPLY BAD LUCK!"
"BUT WHEN NATURE IS GENEROUS WITH ONE QUALITY, IT'S USUALLY STINGY WITH OTHERS!"
In this case, it's clearly skimped on heaps of intelligence, elegance, and even common sense. We're sorry for poor Cornelia...
INCREDIBLE! EVEN VANITY HEATHERFIELD IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
HA! HA! HA!
WHOA! THERE'S SOMETHING EVEN BETTER!
LET ME... GULP! MS. KNICKERBOCHER?!?
GO ON, LAUGH IT UP! I BET YOU'RE IN THERE, TOO!
VANITY SHEFFIELD

IS... IS THAT REALLY HERP
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
VANITY SHEFFIELD
Y-YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!
OUR PRINCIPAL, SETTING A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE
In order to achieve a portion of the beauty bestowed on Cornelia Hale, regular people(the ones who weren't generously pampered by Mother Nature) need to dedicate great effort and undergo unpleasant ordeals,
such as
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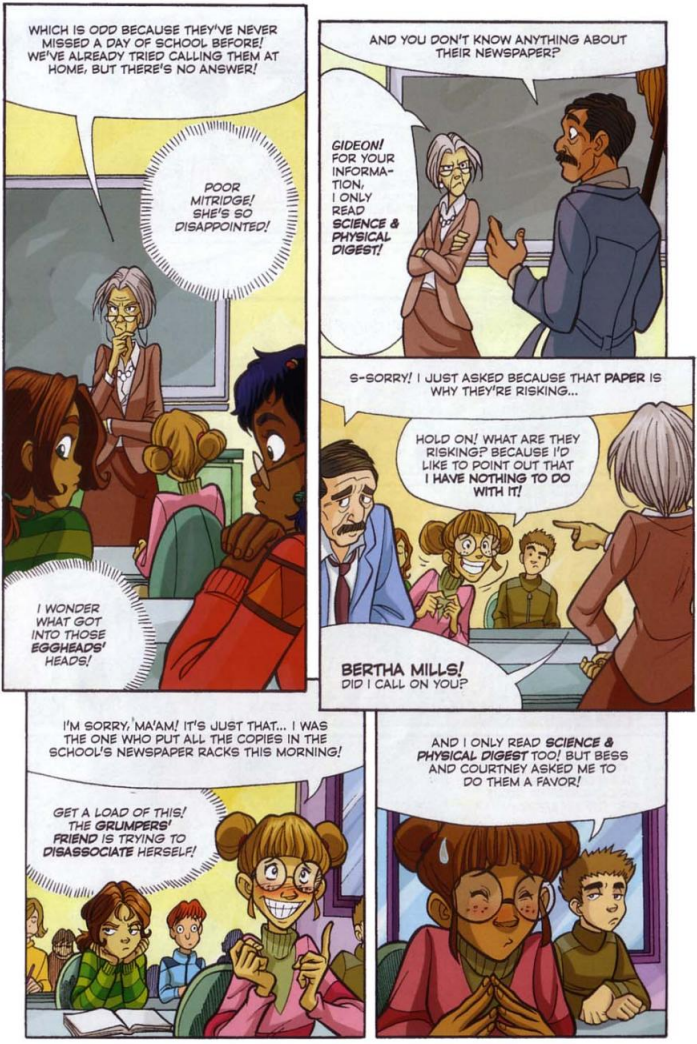
smelly s
for hours
end. Yet
trials enn
the spirit.
"AS SEEN BY THE DETERMINATION AND MORAL INTEGRITY OF PRINCIPAL KNICKERBOCHER!"
THE FUNNY THING IS, THE GRUMPERS PROBABLY THINK THEY'VE PUBLISHED A FLATTERING ARTICLE!
SURE! THEY'RE SUCH APPLE-POLISHERS...
YEAH, VANITY SHEFFIELD IS A REAL REFERENCE POINT FOR US STUDENTS, AND THE PRINCIPAL PUT THOSE TWO IN CHARGE BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT THEY'D KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL...

THE RESULT...
Vanity Sheffield
FROM HALLWAY RUMORS TO LOCKER ROOM SECRETS
DISCOVER THE ANSWERS YE WHO ENTER HERE
SECRET CRUSHES EXPOSED! FIND OUT IF SOMEBODY LOVES YOU!
BLONDES AND HIGH HEELS: A DISASTROUS COMBINATION
ARE YOU ON THE CHEATER'S LIST? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING OF THE LIST, INSIDE
VANITY SHEFFIELD
Sheffield Institute
VANITY SHEFFIELD
GET THE GRUMPERS IN HERE NOW!
D-DO YOU FEEL ALL RIGHT, MS. KNICKERBOCHER?
NOT AT ALL, GIDEON! NOT AT ALL!
THOSE SHAMELESS, INSOLENT GIRLS PUBLISHED A PHOTO OF MY TRIP TO THAT PRETTY FARM OR WHATEVER YOU CALL IT...
UM... I THINK THEY CALL THEM BEAUTY SPAS!
YOU WON IT WITH THE POINTS YOU COLLECTED FROM YOUR SUPERMARKET CARD, RIGHT?
YES! AND IT WAS A HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE!

I WAS HOPING TO WIN THE LEPIDOPTERA ENCYCLOPEDIA. BUT...
MUD. SEAWEED. CUCUMBERS OVER MY EYES. REVOLTING PURIFYING HERBAL TEA TO DRINK HOUR AFTER HOUR AND BOILED CARROTS FOR DINNER!
I ASK YOU. HOW CAN ANYONE BEAR SUCH HUMILIATION? EXPERIENCES LIKE THAT CAN BE PERFECTLY UGLY!
I SEE...
GIDEON. GET ME THE GRUMPER SISTERS! AT ONCE!
I WANTED TO FORGET ABOUT THOSE TERRIBLE DAYS. AND WHAT DO I FIND STARING BACK AT ME? WELL. THEY'LL PAY FOR THIS!

SLAM
HEY, GIDEON! YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN SUSPENDED OR SOMETHING!
WELL, SOMEONE IN THERE IS A LITTLE TENSE!
WELL, I'D FEEL THE SAME WAY AFTER RECEIVING A STAB LIKE THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE LITTLE STUNT VANITY SHEFFIELD PLAYED ON THE PRINCIPAL!
BUT NOW I'VE GOT TO RUN. BY THE WAY, HAVE ANY OF YOU SEEN THOSE DISRESPECTFUL LITTLE GRUMPERS?
DISRESPECTFUL? THE GRUMPERS? THEY'RE THE MOST FALSELY RESPECTFUL STUDENTS IN THE WHOLE SCHOOL!
I CAN'T WAIT TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT PAPER!
WE HAVEN'T SEEN THEM! TRY ASKING MITRIDGE!
THANKS!

MOMENTS LATER...
THEREFORE, THE PRINCIPLE OF COMMUNICATING VESSELS EXPLAINS A WIDE VARIETY OF PHENOMENA AND IS USED BY MAN FOR MANY PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS...
...SUCH AS THE HYDRAULIC SYSTEM, THE IRRIGATION DUCT, AND THE...
TOC TOC
...WELL?! WHAT IS IT?
UM... I'M SORRY! I'M HERE BECAUSE OF MS. KNICKERBOCHER'S ORDERS!
WHAT IS IT, GIDEON?
I'M LOOKING FOR THE GRUMPER SISTERS! THEY'RE EXPECTED IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE AT ONCE!
YEAH... I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN THEIR SHOES!
UH-OH! SOUNDS LIKE KNICKERBOCHER'S GOT SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT PICTURE!
WELL, I'VE BEEN EXPECTING THEM MYSELF!
AH!
THEY'VE BOTH BEEN ABSENT FOR TWO DAYS NOW!


WHICH IS ODD BECAUSE THEY'VE NEVER MISSED A DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE! WE'VE ALREADY TRIED CALLING THEM AT HOME, BUT THERE'S NO ANSWER!
POOR MITRIDGE! SHE'S SO DISAPPOINTED!
I WONDER WHAT GOT INTO THOSE EGGHEADS' HEADS!
AND YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR NEWSPAPER?
GIDEON! FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I ONLY READ SCIENCE & PHYSICAL DIGEST!
S-SORRY! I JUST ASKED BECAUSE THAT PAPER IS WHY THEY'RE RISKING...
HOLD ON! WHAT ARE THEY RISKING? BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
BERTHA MILLS! DID I CALL ON YOU?
I'M SORRY, MA'AM! IT'S JUST THAT... I WAS THE ONE WHO PUT ALL THE COPIES IN THE SCHOOL'S NEWSPAPER RACKS THIS MORNING!
GET A LOAD OF THIS! THE GRUMPERS' FRIEND IS TRYING TO DISASSOCIATE HERSELF!
AND I ONLY READ SCIENCE & PHYSICAL DIGEST TOO! BUT BESS AND COURTNEY ASKED ME TO DO THEM A FAVOR!

THE OTHER DAY, THEY BEGGED ME TO GET THE COPIES OUT AS SOON AS THEY WERE PRINTED!
SO THOSE GRUMPERS WERE REALLY PLANNING TO BE ABSENT!
ENOUGH! BERTHA, COME UP TO THE BOARD AND DO A FEW PAGES OF EXERCISES. MAYBE THAT'LL KEEP YOU QUIET!
PHYSICS
GULP!
WELL, WHAT DID THE HARPY EXPECT? EXTRA CREDIT?
GIDEON, WOULD YOU TRY CALLING THE GRUMPERS AGAIN? IN THE AFTERNOON, THE GIRLS ARE USUALLY AT THEIR AUNT'S HOUSE!
OF COURSE. RIGHT AWAY!
I'VE GOT TO FIND THEM. OTHERWISE, KNICKERBOCHER WON'T GET OFF MY BACK!

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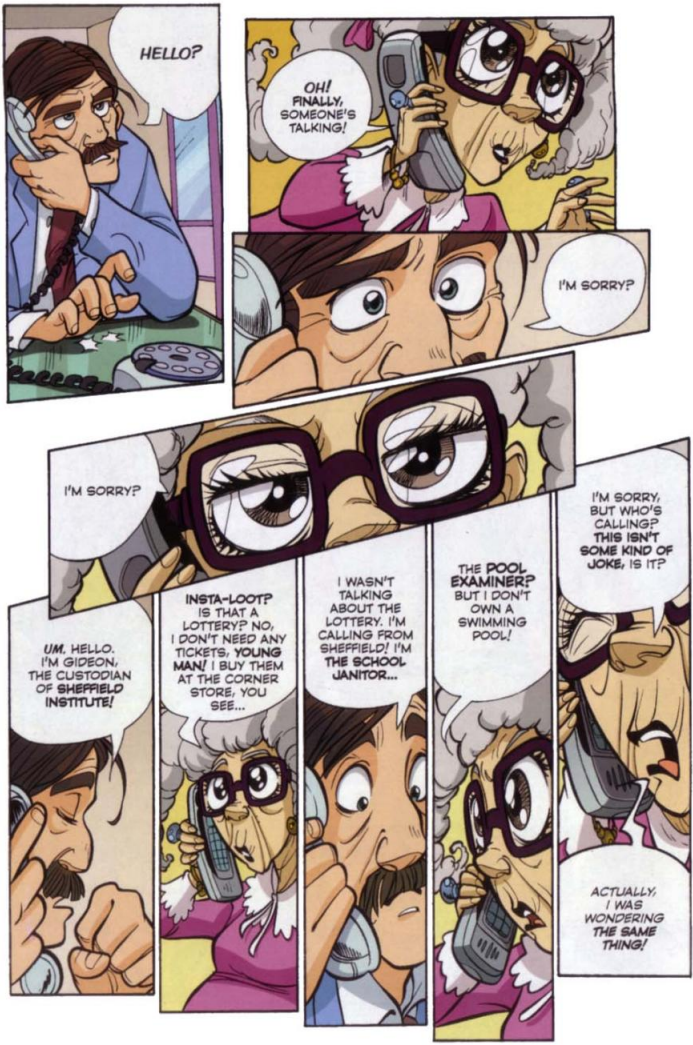
HELLO?
OH! FINALLY, SOMEONE'S TALKING!
I'M SORRY?
I'M SORRY?
I'M SORRY, BUT WHO'S CALLING? THIS ISN'T SOME KIND OF JOKE, IS IT?
UM. HELLO. I'M GIDEON, THE CUSTODIAN OF SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE!
INSTA-LOOT? IS THAT A LOTTERY? NO, I DON'T NEED ANY TICKETS, YOUNG MAN! I BUY THEM AT THE CORNER STORE, YOU SEE...
I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THE LOTTERY. I'M CALLING FROM SHEFFIELD! I'M THE SCHOOL JANITOR...
THE POOL EXAMINER? BUT I DON'T OWN A SWIMMING POOL!
ACTUALLY, I WAS WONDERING THE SAME THING!

MA'AM, I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, BUT I'M LOOKING FOR THE GRUMPER GIRLS! IT SEEMS WE'VE GOT A SITUATION...
STATION? WHAT STATION? I'M NOT PLANNING A TRIP ANYWHERE!
SIGH! WHOEVER THIS IS, HER MIND IS DEFINITELY ON VACATION!
MA'AM, PLEASE! WOULD YOU PUT COURTNEY AND BESS ON THE PHONE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, COURTNEY AND BESS ARE ALL ALONE? WELL, THEY'RE RATHER INDEPENDENT GIRLS! IN FACT, I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM FOR DAYS NOW AND...
ALL RIGHT, I GIVE UP! THANK YOU ANYWAY!
AND SO...
AND THEY ARE NOT AT THEIR AUNT'S HOUSE EITHER! I'M SORRY, MS. KNICKERBOCHER!
HEAVENS!
WELL, THANK YOU, GIDEON, FOR ACCOMPLISHING ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!
CLIC
B-BUT I...
NO BUTS! UNTIL I GET MY HANDS ON THOSE TWO, I NEED TO TAKE IT OUT ON SOMEONE!

THAT EVENING...
SO, HOW'S YOUR SORE EYE, WILL?
A LOT BETTER! STAYING HOME TODAY REALLY DID ME GOOD!
MERMAIDS LIKE YOU WHO SPEND LOTS OF TIME IN THE WATER SHOULD ALWAYS WEAR GOGGLES!
DON'T OVERDO IT, MOM! ANY NEWS AT SCHOOL, TEACH?
YOU BET!
THE PRINCIPAL'S HOWLS WERE ECHOING THROUGH THE HALLWAYS!
REALLY? WHO WAS SHE MAD AT?
THE GRUMPER SISTERS! WHO, INCIDENTALLY, SEEM TO HAVE MISSED SCHOOL FOR TWO DAYS NOW!
HOLD IT! DID YOU SAY THE GRUMPERS? YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
THOSE TWO ARE THE PRINCIPAL'S PETS! THEY'D NEVER DO ANYTHING TO MAKE HER MAD! NOR WOULD THEY MISS A SINGLE DAY OF SCHOOL!

YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES THEY'VE GOTTEN THE WHOLE CLASS SICK BECAUSE THEY WOULDN'T STAY HOME, EVEN IF THEY HAD A NASTY CASE OF THE FLU?
I KNOW. I KNOW! THEY'VE SYSTEMATICALLY INFECTED US TEACHERS TOO!
THOSE TWO PRACTICALLY CRY WHEN SUMMER VACATION COMES AROUND! HOW COULD THEY NOT SHOW UP FOR SCHOOL?
THEN TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, WILL! I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!
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HEY! ISN'T THAT...
...KNICKERBOCHER AT A SPA?
HA! HA! HA!
MARY SHEFFIELD
MARY SHEFFIELD

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC!
HONEY, IF I EVER DECIDE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR THE WEEKEND, YOU'VE GOT TO TALK ME OUT OF IT!
SUSAN, YOU'D BE BEAUTIFUL EVEN IF YOU'RE WRAPPED IN SEAWEED!
WISE GUY!
WOW! THE GRUMPERS REALLY DUG UP THE DIRT IN THIS ISSUE!
WHAT IS IT, WILL? ARE YOU IN THERE, TOO?
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ANNOUNCEME
EYE EXAMINATIONS
All of the students are required to visit Dr. Folkner's office (found on the first floor) for a follow-up eye examinati
only last for a few,
doctor is avail
school hour
N-NO! IT'S NOTHING!
HOW WEIRD! ANOTHER EYE EXAM? HOW CAN I, WITH THIS CASE OF SORE EYES?
VANITY SHEFFIELD
THERE'S SOMETHING I'M NOT GETTING! TIME FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING WITH THE GIRLS AT OUR HEADQUARTERS!

THE ABANDONED YE OLDE BOOKSHOP, NOW W.I.T.C.H. HEADQUARTERS!
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WEE COLLAGE! BWETTY!
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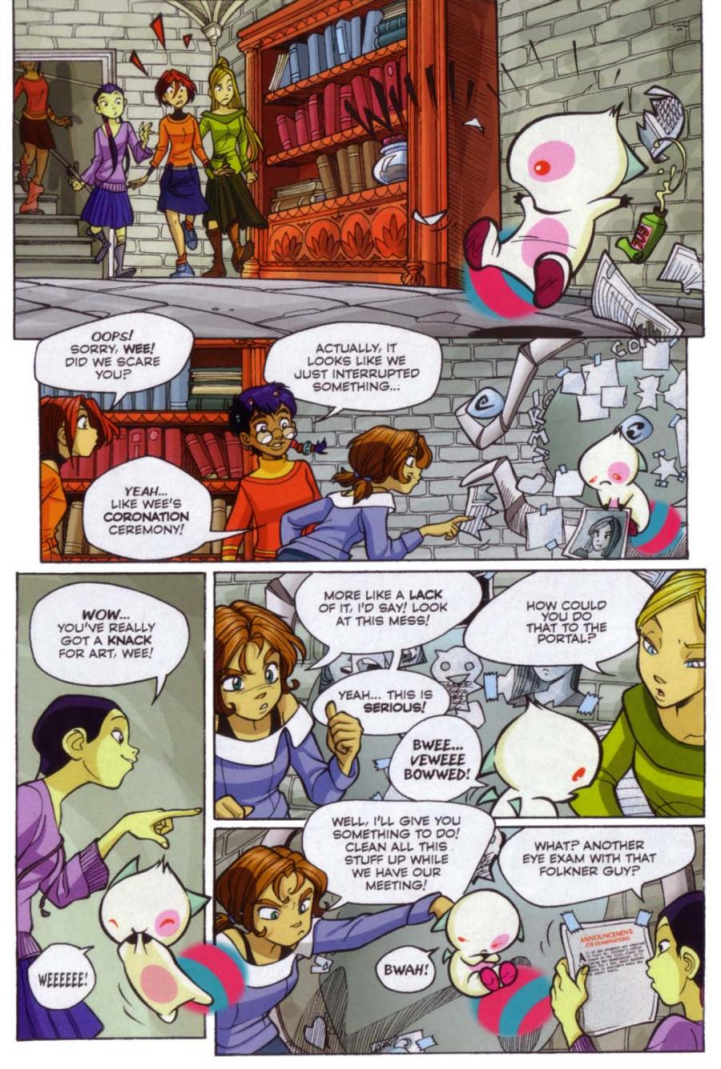
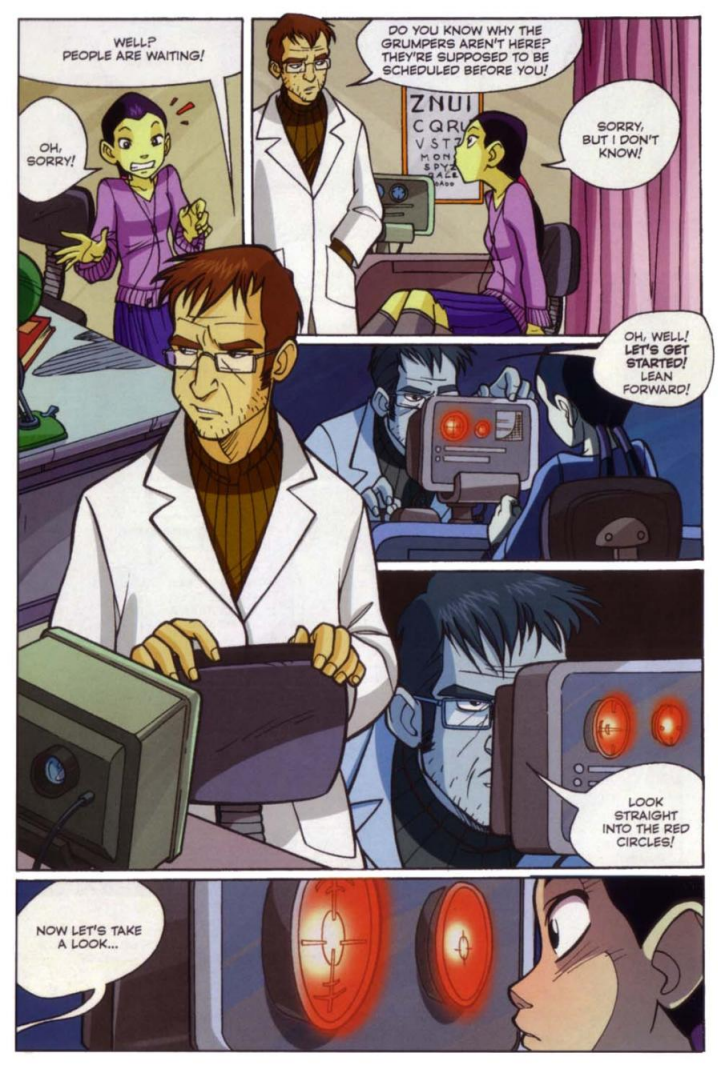
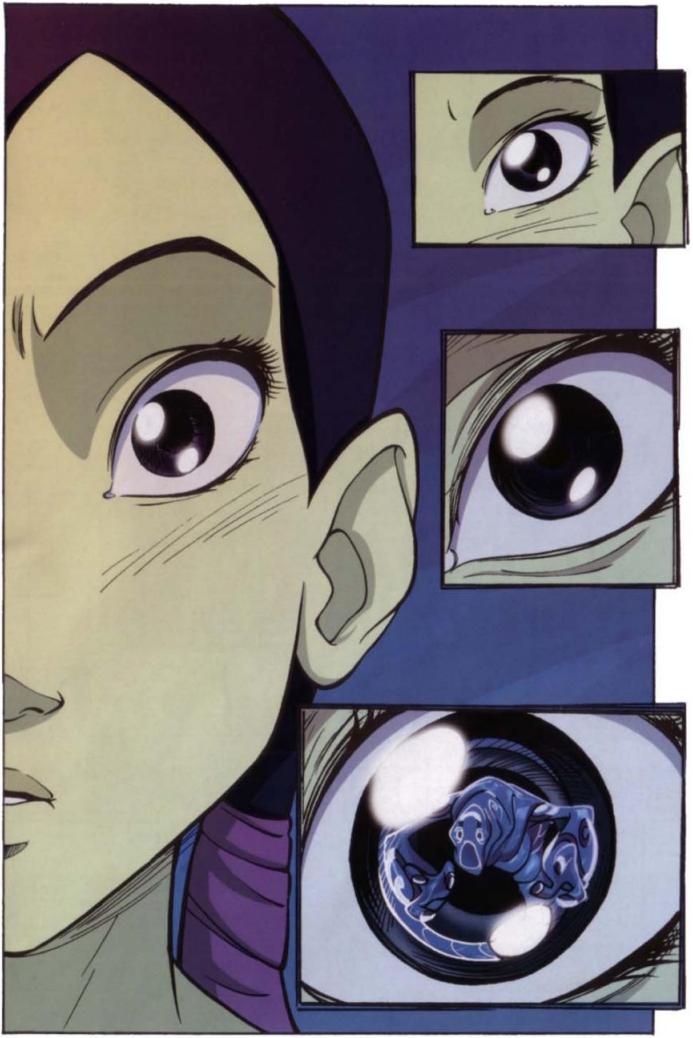

OOPS! SORRY, WEE! DID WE SCARE YOU?
ACTUALLY, IT LOOKS LIKE WE JUST INTERRUPTED SOMETHING...
YEAH... LIKE WEE'S CORONATION CEREMONY!
WOW... YOU'VE REALLY GOT A KNACK FOR ART, WEE!
WEEEEEE!
MORE LIKE A LACK OF IT, I'D SAY! LOOK AT THIS MESS!
HOW COULD YOU DO THAT TO THE PORTAL?
YEAH... THIS IS SERIOUS!
BWEE... VEWEEE BOWWED!
WELL, I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO DO! CLEAN ALL THIS STUFF UP WHILE WE HAVE OUR MEETING!
WHAT? ANOTHER EYE EXAM WITH THAT FOLKNER GUY?
BWAH!
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SO, TELL ME ALL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE GRUMPERS!
EYE DOC ALWAYS AROUND... GRUMPERS CAN'T BE FOUND...
THEY'VE DISAPPEARED! THEY HAVEN'T BEEN TO SCHOOL FOR A FEW DAYS NOW!
DEAN TOLD ME NO ONE COULD REACH THEM EITHER.
WELL, YEAH. IT'S A REAL SHAME. I ALMOST... UM... MISS THEM!
BESIDES, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY THE PAPER SAYS WE NEED YET ANOTHER EXAM WITH THAT SO-CALLED DOCTOR...
YEAH! AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, SOMEONE EXPLAIN TO ME WHY I GOT A MESSAGE AT HOME SAYING MY APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR ME!
WHAT?
SO WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SEE FOLKNER?

"TOMORROW MORNING!"
COME IN, HAY LIN!
UM... HELLO!
HELLO!
HEY...
I DON'T THINK YOU ALL HAVE AN APPOINT-MENT!
WELL, THEY SAY WE'RE INSEPARABLE!
HMM... WHY ANOTHER CHECKUP? WE JUST HAD ONE A WHILE BACK...
BECAUSE I FEEL IT'S NECESSARY!
GOOD MORNING!
YOU'LL SEE ALL OF US ANYWAY, RIGHT? WE CAN WAIT HERE FOR OUR TURN! WE'LL BE NICE AND QUIET...
OUT!

UM... OKAY THEN!
GOODBYE!
DON'T WORRY, HAY LIN!
WE'LL WAIT RIGHT OUTSIDE! IF YOU NEED US...
...JUST CALL AND WE'LL RUSH IN!
THANKS, GUYS! I'M NERVOUS JUST BEING IN HERE WITH THIS GUY!
HUH?
HAVE A SEAT, HAY LIN! THIS'LL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE!
UM... OKAY!
WHERE SHOULD WE BEGIN?
THAT DRAWING REALLY REMINDS ME OF...


WELL? PEOPLE ARE WAITING!
OH, SORRY!
DO YOU KNOW WHY THE GRUMPERS AREN'T HERE? THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SCHEDULED BEFORE YOU!
SORRY, BUT I DON'T KNOW!
OH, WELL! LET'S GET STARTED! LEAN FORWARD!
LOOK STRAIGHT INTO THE RED CIRCLES!
NOW LET'S TAKE A LOOK...



THE SIGN! THE SIGN IS THERE!
W-WHAT SIGN? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
IT'S PROOF! I'M GETTING CLOSE!
YOU CAN GO!
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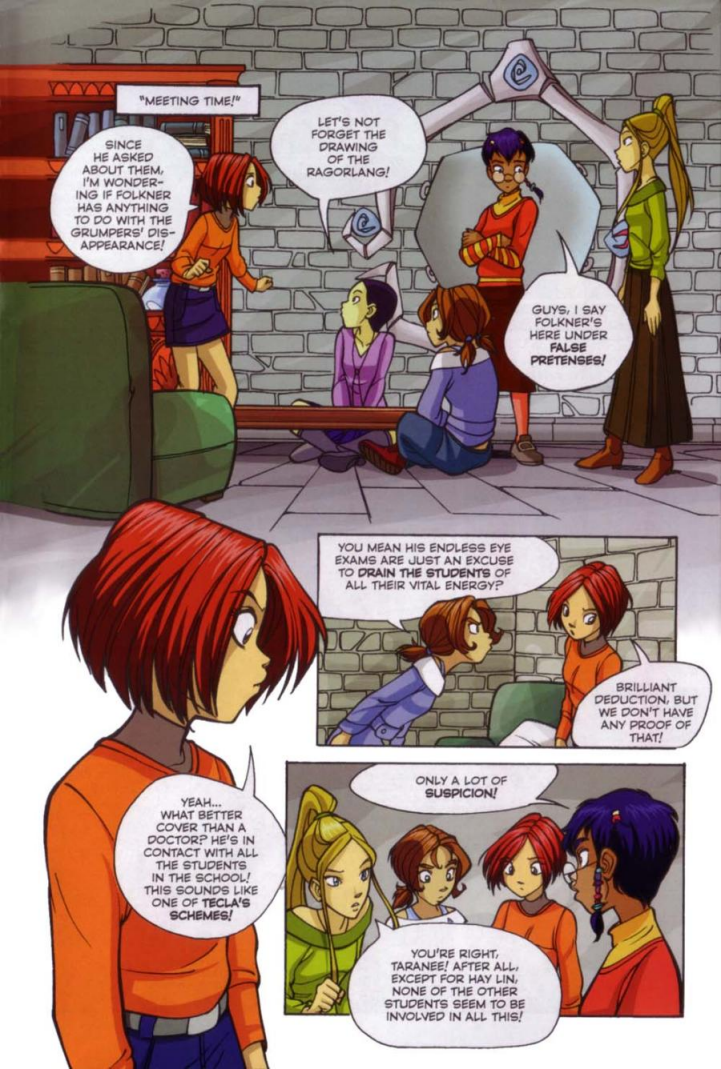
SLAM
PANT... PUFF... THAT GUY'S NUTS!
HAY LIN! WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU OKAY?
I... I DON'T KNOW! FOLKNER SAID I HAD A SIGN! PLUS I SAW A DRAWING...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
PLEASE, LET'S GO! I NEED SOME AIR!
THERE-WAS-THIS-DRAWING-OF-A-RAGORLANG-AND-HE-LOOKED-INTO-MY-EYES-WITH-SOME-GIZMO-AND-SHOUTED-AND-SAID-LOTS-OF-STRANGE-STUFF-AND-ASKED-ME-ABOUT-THE-GRUMPERS!
DON'T WORRY! EVERYTHING'S OKAY NOW!
YEAH, BUT SOMETHING DOESN'T MAKE SENSE... WHERE WERE WE, EXACTLY?


"MEETING TIME!"
SINCE HE ASKED ABOUT THEM, I'M WONDERING IF FOLKNER HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE GRUMPERS' DISAPPEARANCE!
LET'S NOT FORGET THE DRAWING OF THE RAGORLANG!
GUYS, I SAY FOLKNER'S HERE UNDER **FALSE PRETENSES!**
YOU MEAN HIS ENDLESS EYE EXAMS ARE JUST AN EXCUSE TO **DRAIN THE STUDENTS** OF ALL THEIR VITAL ENERGY?
BRILLIANT DEDUCTION, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY PROOF OF THAT!
YEAH... WHAT BETTER COVER THAN A DOCTOR? HE'S IN CONTACT WITH ALL THE STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL! THIS SOUNDS LIKE ONE OF **TECLA'S SCHEMES!**
ONLY A LOT OF **SUSPICION!**
YOU'RE RIGHT, TARANEE! AFTER ALL, EXCEPT FOR HAY LIN, NONE OF THE OTHER STUDENTS SEEM TO BE INVOLVED IN ALL THIS!

WE SHOULD'VE FIGURED OUT RIGHT AWAY THAT THE GUY WASN'T AN EYE DOCTOR!
YEAH! REMEMBER WHEN HE CHECKED OUT THE EYES OF THAT KID WHO HURT HIS FOOT AT THE SCHOOL OLYMPICS?
AND WHAT CONNECTION DO YOU GUYS SEE BETWEEN HIM AND THE GRUMPERS?
THE GRUMPERS... IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE PORTAL IS LISTENING TO US!
OF ALL THE STUDENTS, WHY THEM?
WELL, THINK ABOUT IT! DESPITE THEIR INNOCENT APPEARANCE, THE GRUMPERS ARE A STRONG SOURCE OF ENERGY!
YEAH... BUT NEGATIVE ENERGY! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN HARD TO FIGHT IT!
YOU'RE RIGHT! THERE MUST BE DOZENS OF TIMES THEY'VE SHOWN THEIR "SPIRIT OF INITIATIVE"! YOU REMEMBER THAT TIME IN THE GYM, BEFORE THE DANCE PERFORMANCE?
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"THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF THE COSTUMES, BUT..."
I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW IT COULD'VE HAPPENED! WE FOUND IT THAT WAY!
THERE MUST BE GIANT MOTHS IN SHEFFIELD'S LOCKERS!
YEAH... OR MAYBE MY LEOTARDS WERE KIDNAPPED BY ALIENS!
YOU'RE NOT INSINUATING THAT WE DID IT, I HOPE!
WHAT?! BUT WE WANT THE SHOW TO GO WELL AS MUCH AS YOU DO!
UMPF! NOT INSINUATING, JUST ACCUSING!
YEAH! THE FACT THAT WE WERE DUMPED BACKSTAGE INSTEAD OF HAVING LEAD PARTS LIKE WE WANTED DOESN'T BOTHER US AT ALL!
HEY, GUYS! WHAT'S GOING... GULP! IS THAT YOUR COSTUME?
YEAH... BEFORE IT GOT THE "GRU-GRU" TREATMENT!
HUH?
THE GRUMPERS TOUCH! THANK GOD THIS IS WHAT I'LL BE WEARING!
UMPF!
WOW!
YOU GUYS DIDN'T REALLY THINK I'D BE GOING ON STAGE WITH THIS, DID YOU? I'VE BEEN USING IT TO CLEAN MY SHOES!

BUT THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO THE TIME THEY...
CORNELIA! WAIT! WE NEED YOUR HELP!
WHAT'S THE CATCH?
NO CATCH! JUST THIS FANTASTIC MAKEUP KIT!
YOU SEE... WE WANT TO LEARN HOW TO APPLY MAKEUP WELL, LIKE YOU! HELP US ACCENTUATE OUR FEATURES!
PLEASE! SHOW US HOW YOU DO IT!
SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO GO! BESIDES, I'D JUST BE WASTING MY TIME!
OH, COME ON... AT LEAST SHOW US HOW YOU PUT ON LIPSTICK!
DON'T MAKE US BEG! WE JUST CAN'T DO IT LIKE YOU CAN!
UGH... WHAT NAGS! HAND IT OVER!
IT'S NOT DIFFICULT... JUST DRAW AROUND YOUR LIPS WITH A LIP LINER, SPREAD ON THE LIPSTICK EVENLY, AND...
HEY! WHAT THE... MM-MMPF!
THAT'S ENOUGH, THANKS! ENJOY A FEW SILENT MOMENTS OF OUR "LIPSTICKY," THAT IS, LIPSTICK AND GLUE!
ALL "HALE" THE BEAUTY QUEEN! HA! HA!

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THE PROBLEM IS, THEY GAVE IT TO US WITHOUT AN INSTRUCTION MANUAL OR EVEN A TOLL-FREE CUSTOMER SERVICE NUMBER!
YEAH, THE KANDRAKAR CALL CENTER HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING LATELY, DON'T YOU THINK?
WE SHOULD CALL THAT BIGWIG ORACLE AND ASK HIM TO REPLACE THIS PORTAL! MAYBE IT'S STILL UNDER WARRANTEE!
WHOA! IT SWITCHED OFF!
MAYBE IT GOT OFFENDED!
WHAT NERVE! JUST WHEN IT STARTED WORKING AS A TV!
WE COULD'VE SWITCHED TO A CABLE CHANNEL!

FORGET ABOUT THE PORTAL AND LET'S GO! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME BEFORE FOLKNER GETS HOME AFTER HIS EYE EXAMS!
YEAH, BUT...
...WHERE DOES HE LIVE?
VOILÀ! HIS ADDRESS!
IT WASN'T HARD TO FIND IT IN THE SCHOOL'S DATABASE!
YOU GENIUS! YOU AIN'T OUR LEADER FOR NOTHIN'!
HOLD ON! WE'D BETTER TRANSFORM!
RIGHT! WE DON'T KNOW WHO WE'RE REALLY DEALING WITH!
HEART OF KANDRAKAR!

"IT'S TIME TO LEAP INTO ACTION!"

33 VLAD STREET. THE GANG GETS TO FOLKNER'S HOUSE USING TRANSPOSITION!
WELCOME TO BATVILLE, THE FAR OUTSKIRTS OF HEATHERFIELD!
GET A LOAD OF THIS PLACE!
I WOULDN'T LIVE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD EVEN IF THEY PAID ME!
WHY WOULD ANYONE PAY TO HAVE YOU LIVE NEAR THEM?
UGH! ALWAYS THE ANNOYER, AREN'T YOU?
OKAY, GUYS! LET'S GO IN!
BUT WHAT IF SOMEONE'S HERE?
YEAH, LIKE A RAGORLANG?
IRMA, CUT IT OUT! THIS IS NO TIME FOR JOKES!
LET'S KEEP OUR EYES OPEN!

PERFECT! ALL WE NEED NOW IS SOME THICK FOG TO MAKE THE ATMOSPHERE MORE WELCOMING!
WHAT A CREEPY PLACE... AND SUCH STRANGE THINGS!
CAREFUL! WE'D BETTER NOT TOUCH ANYTHING!
HEY! LOOK AT ALL THE HALLWAYS!
YOU SURE COULD GET LOST IN HERE!
IF YOU ASK ME, THE GUY WHO DESIGNED THIS PLACE HAD A BAD CASE OF LABYRINTHITIS!

VAMPIRES AND MAGIC RITUALS
BY
GARLIC, LIGHT, AND SILVER BULLETS
BY A. LYS
HUMAN ENERGY AND ITS USES
BY ATHANASIUS IBSEN
BLOOD AND FEAR
BY R.K. NEGATIF
THE VLAD DRAGUL SYNDROME
BY THE SYLVION TRANCE
AND THIS BOOKCASE IS REALLY FREAKY!
LOOK! THIS BOOK TALKS ABOUT RAGOR-LANGS!
LET ME SEE!
THE ONE, THE ONLY, THE CREEPY! SO FOLKNER'S OBSESSED WITH RAGORLANGS?

"THERE APPEARS TO BE NO TANGIBLE PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF RAGORLANGS..."
"...YET LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE VICTIMS OF ITS ATTACKS ARE PSYCHOLOGICALLY DRAINED, REDUCED TO A SORT OF PERMANENT APATHY, A VIRTUALLY CATATONIC STATE..."
"THE RAGORLANG FEEDS OFF OF ENERGY, HUMAN ENERGY..."
"SOME VICTIMS SHOW THE FIRST SIGNS OF CONTAGION ONLY MONTHS LATER..."
STOP! THAT'S ENOUGH!
WHY? WHAT'S WRONG
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY POINT IN GOING ON! FOLKNER'S CLEARLY A PART OF ALL THIS!
YES, BUT WE HAVE TO FIND OUT HOW...
GUYS! COME TAKE A LOOK...
WHERE ARE YOU?
IN THE JEWELRY DEPARTMENT! JUST FOLLOW MY VOICE!
THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY! I COULD SO GET LOST IN HERE!

HERE I AM, FINALLY! HOW DID YOU...
WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT MY NEW BAUBLES? THAT FOLKNER GUY HAS GOOD TASTE... SKULLS ARE ABSOLUTELY ALL THE RAGE!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE PUT THAT STUFF ON! IT COULD BE...
CURSED? OH, GIVE ME A BREAK...
HEY! I C-CAN'T TAKE THIS THING OFF!
IRMA! OH NO! GUYS, COME QUICK! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
HE, HE, HE...
YOU FELL FOR IT, HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER! HA, HA, HA!
GRR!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
NOTHING! MISS STAND-UP COMIC HERE WAS JUST CRYING WOLF!
THE NEXT TIME YOU REALLY NEED HELP, NOBODY WILL BELIEVE YOU!

NOW LET'S GET MOVING! THERE'S NO POINT HANGING AROUND!
COME ON, GUYS! GET OVER HERE!
"HERE" WHERE?
WAIT! I THINK WILL'S VOICE IS COMING FROM OVER THERE!
AND SO...
LOOK AT THIS STUFF!
I'D SAY WE'RE IN THE BUTTON DEPARTMENT NOW!
YEAH, BUT I WOULDN'T TOUCH ANY OF THEM!
HMM... THIS CONTRAPTION IS LIKE THE ONE THE "DOCTOR" USES AT SCHOOL TO LOOK INTO OUR EYES!
YEAH, FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, I DOUBT IT'S BEEN APPROVED BY THE OPTOMETRISTS' ASSOCIATION!
OOOH, CHECK THIS OUT!
IRMA! DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING! BE CAREFUL!
WILL'S RIGHT! THAT MACHINE MIGHT PLAY A NASTY TRICK ON YOU!
LIKE SUCKING UP THAT LAST BIT OF BRAIN IN YOUR OTHERWISE EMPTY SKULL!

YOU WOULDN'T BE JOKING LIKE THAT IF YOU'D BEEN ATTACKED BY THE RAGORLANG TOO!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHERE'S HAY LIN?
W-WHERE AM I? NO MATTER WHERE I GO, IT'S LIKE I'M SEEING THE SAME THINGS!
I'M SO CONFUSED! BEING IN THIS HOUSE MAKES ME FEEL STRANGE, DRAINED...
MAYBE FOLKNER KNOWS SOMETHING... WHAT IF THAT SIGN HE WAS SHOUTING ABOUT HAD TO DO WITH SOMETHING INSIDE OF ME?
MAYBE I'M NOT WHO I WAS BEFORE, BEFORE THE RAGOR...
SKREEEEE!
A SECRET PASSAGEWAY!

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HAY LIN! CAN YOU HEAR ME? WHERE ARE YOU?
I THINK... I THINK I'M IN... A WUNDERKAMMER!
A WONDER-WHAT?
LET'S GO!
ERIC TOLD ME ABOUT THEM... UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, "CABINETS OF CURIOSITIES" WERE TYPICAL OF THE 1500S. THEY WERE ROOMS WHERE COLLECTORS KEPT ALL SORTS OF INCREDIBLE OBJECTS!

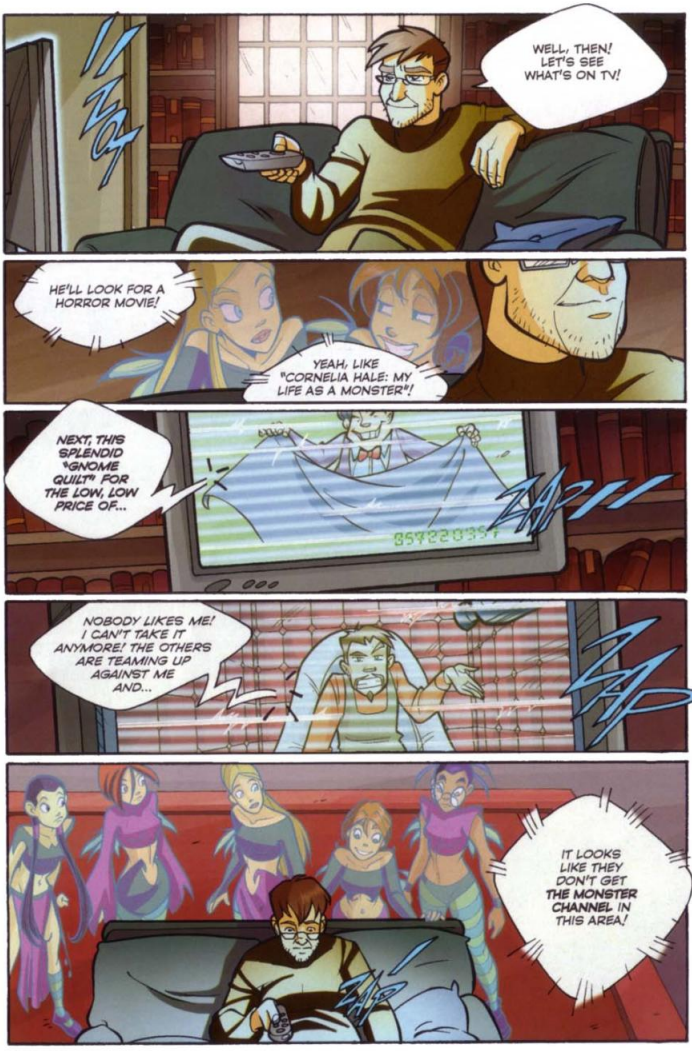
FOLKNER'S HOUSE IS FULL OF THINGS CONNECTED TO MONSTERS AND VAMPIRES! I'M NOT SURPRISED!
WHERE DID HE FIND ALL THIS STUFF?
AND WHO KNOWS IF I'LL EVER FIND MYSELF AGAIN?
CLICK
HEY! THIS LITTLE BOX... AND THIS SYMBOL... OH!

AAAH!
HAY LIN! WHAT IS IT?
MY EYE! HELP!
TU-TUNK
ARE YOU OKAY?
I... I DON'T KNOW...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME! I OPENED UP THIS BOX AND...
...I FELT A SHOCK, LIKE WHEN I HAD MY CHECKUP WITH FOLKNER!
BUT YOU WERE FINE UNTIL THIS MORNING! MAYBE THE GUY'S JUST FREAKING YOU OUT!
I REALLY HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, IRMA!

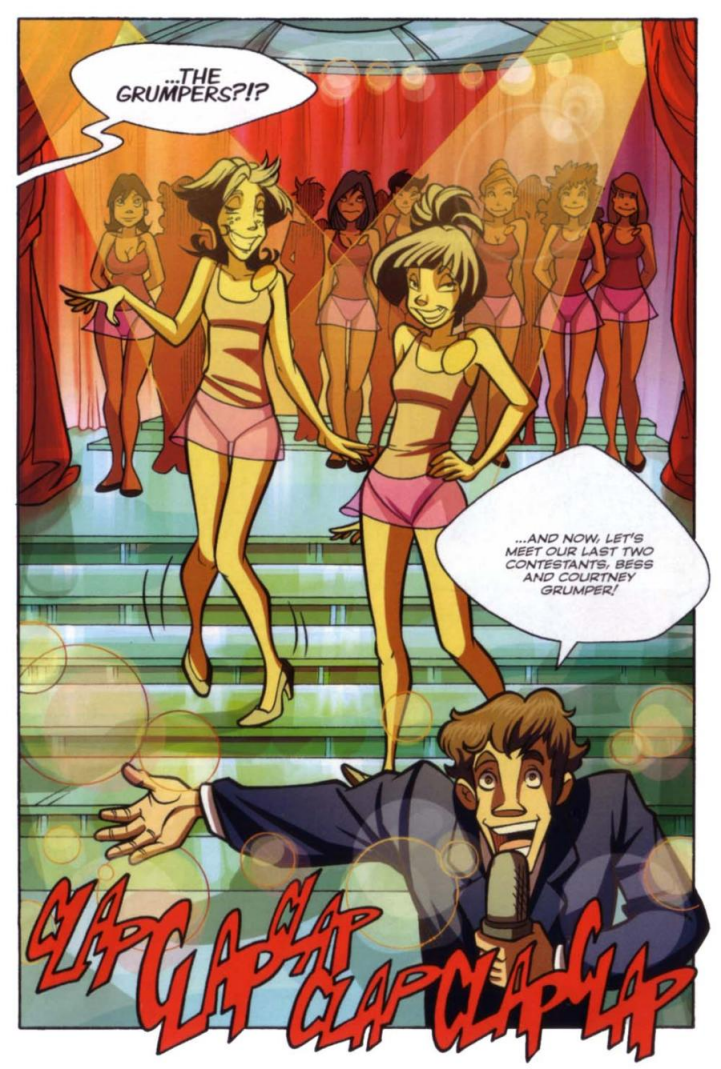
AT THIS POINT, THE ONLY THING WE KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT HE'S A MONSTER FANATIC!
CAN WE PLEASE GO NOW? THESE THINGS ARE MAKING ME QUEASY!
OKAY!
I SAY FOLKNER WAS DRAWN BY TECLA'S DIABOLICAL ALLURE AND FELL UNDER HER SPELL!
WE SHOULD'VE KNOWN! FIRST, THE OLD HAG TRIED SETTING ERIN AGAINST US...
...THEN SHE CREATED RAGORLANGS OF URIAH AND HIS PALS...
...AND NOW SHE'S SENT OUT ANOTHER HENCHMAN!
ONE WHO'S YOUNGER AND STRONGER THAN KARL!
SHE SURE ISN'T ONE TO SIT THERE TWIDDLING HER THUMBS!
SHE'S PROWLING US. ATTACKING US WITH HER RAGORLANG... IT'S THE MOMENT OF RECKONING!

THE DOOR!
CLU-
CLUNK
THAT MUST BE HIM! HE'S HEADED THIS WAY!
QUICK! LET'S MAKE OURSELVES INVISIBLE!
GOOD! WE'LL TALK THROUGH TELEPATHY!
A HISTORIC DAY!
SLAM
THAT GIRL WILL BE FUNDAMENTAL IN ACHIEVING MY OBJECTIVE!
I B-BET HE'S TALKING ABOUT ME!
AH, YES... IT'S A DIRTY JOB, BUT SOMEBODY'S GOT TO DO IT...
DON'T WORRY! NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU!

...SOMEBODY FOR WHOM TECLA IBSEN IS A TOP PRIORITY!
YOUNG PHIL MURRAY OF OPEN HILL MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS
HEAR THAT?
HE SAID TECLA, DIDN'T HE?
!
I NEED TO RELAX! TOMORROW'S GOING TO BE A BUSY DAY!
SKRUNK
DID YOU SEE THAT NEWSPAPER CLIP? IT WAS ABOUT A BOY FROM OPEN HILL WHO DISAPPEARED!
YEAH, THE TOWN WHERE WE SAW THE RAGORLANG FOR THE FIRST TIME!
MAYBE FOLKNER'S BEHIND HIS DISAPPEARANCE, AND HE'S SO PROUD THAT HE KEEPS THE ARTICLES THAT MENTION IT!
TYPICAL OF DERANGED MYTHOMANIACS!


WELL, THEN! LET'S SEE WHAT'S ON TV!
HE'LL LOOK FOR A HORROR MOVIE!
YEAH, LIKE "CORNELIA HALE: MY LIFE AS A MONSTER"!
NEXT, THIS SPLENDID "GNOME QUILT" FOR THE LOW, LOW PRICE OF...
NOBODY LIKES ME! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE! THE OTHERS ARE TEAMING UP AGAINST ME AND...
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY DON'T GET THE MONSTER CHANNEL IN THIS AREA!

...AND NOW, LET'S BRING OUT THE LADIES VYING FOR THE TITLE MISS EVERYONE!
LIVE FROM KATE TOWN
THE COMPETITION FOR EVERY-ONE WHO FEELS BEAUTIFUL! BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES THE CHANCE TO SHINE, EVEN IF ONLY FOR ONE DAY!
LET'S GIVE THEM A WARM ROUND OF APPLAUSE!
CLAP
CLAP
WHAT A WEIRD COINCIDENCE!
THAT LOGO! ISN'T THIS THE SAME CHANNEL WE SAW ON THE PORTAL?
YEAH, IT'S THE CHANNEL WITH THE GIANT COCKROACH COMMERCIAL!
HEY! THOSE TWO! THEY'RE...


...THE GRUMPERS?!?
...AND NOW, LET'S MEET OUR LAST TWO CONTESTANTS, BESS AND COURTNEY GRUMPER!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

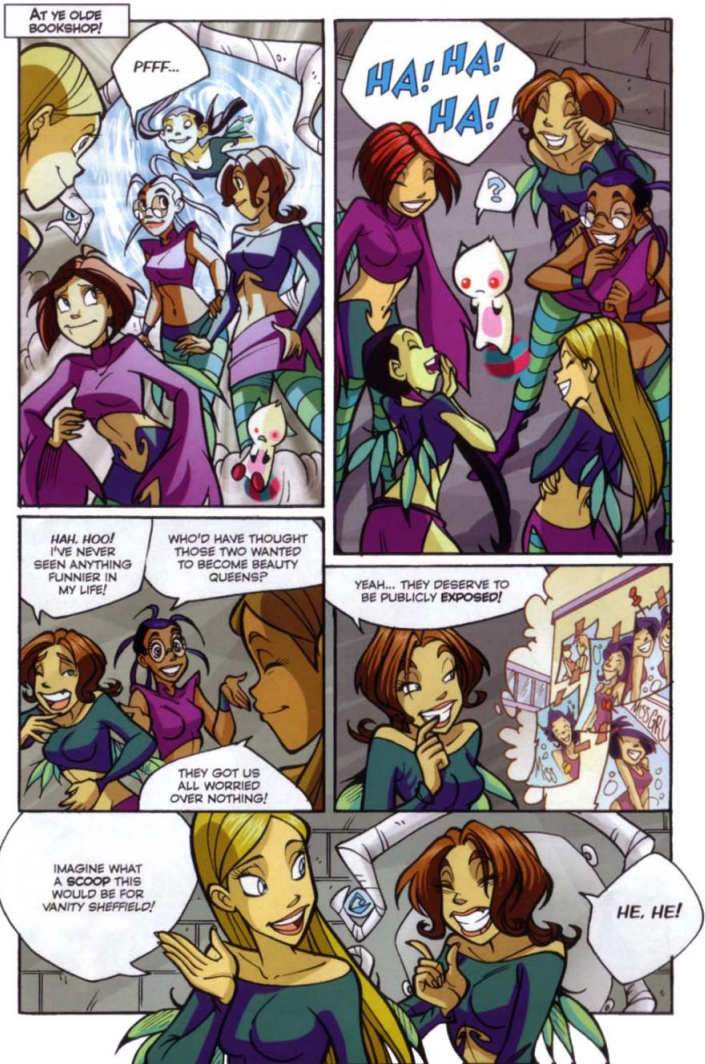
TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELVES, GIRLS!
WELL... I'M BESS GRUMPER AND I'M FROM **BEAUTIFUL HEATHERFIELD!** I'M A GIRL WHOSE **BEAUTY** LIES IN HER SMILE!
AND I'M COURTNEY! I'M FROM HEATHERFIELD TOO, AND MY LAST NAME'S GRUMPER TOO! BECAUSE, AS SOME OF YOU MIGHT HAVE GUESSED, I'M BESS'S SISTER! *HEE. HEE!*
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THOSE TWO DITCHED SCHOOL TO TAKE PART IN A BEAUTY CONTEST?
SO TECLA, FOLKNER, AND RAGORLANGS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! WE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
UM... I BET YOU'RE BOTH **NERVOUS!** BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ON TV BEFORE, HAVE YOU?
WELL, YEAH, WE... WE KNOW WE SHOULDN'T HAVE **HIDDEN OURSELVES FROM THE WORLD** FOR SO LONG! ***HA, HA!***
YES, OF COURSE! IT'S OUR VERY FIRST TIME, BUT WE FEEL RIGHT AT HOME!

WELL, I GUESS WE...
BUT I GUESS IT DOES FEEL STRANGE, BEING UNDER THE **STAGELIGHT**...
THE SPOTLIGHT! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? YOU'LL GET US ELIMINATED! THEY'LL THINK WE'RE DUMB!
UM... ANYTHING ELSE TO SHARE?
WELL, WE **STUDY** A LOT! ESPECIALLY **MATH**!
WE WANT TO GROW UP TO BE PEOPLE WHO **COUNT**!
ANYWAY, I'M HAPPY THEY'RE OKAY!
HA! HA! BUT THE **"STAGELIGHT"** HAS ADDLED THEIR BRAINS!
POOR THINGS! THEY'RE BABBLING!
HAPPY BECAUSE THE GRUMPERS ARE OKAY? OH, BEING **GUARDIANS** IS SUCH AN ORDEAL!

WELL, I SUPPOSE THAT'S ENOUGH FOR...
DON'T YOU WANT TO ASK US ONE MORE QUESTION?
MAYBE LIKE, "WHAT'S YOUR LIFE'S DREAM?"
UM... OKAY! WHAT'S YOUR LIFE'S DREAM?
MINE IS TO BECOME AN ACTRESS!
TSK! SINCE WHEN?
WELL, SINCE NOW!
OH, PLEASE! YOU'VE ALWAYS SAID YOU WANTED TO BE A MOLECULAR BIOLOGIST!
YOU CAN GO NOW, THANKS! WE'LL SOON BE CROWNING THE WINNER OF THE MISS EVERYONE CONTEST! LET'S PAUSE FOR A BREAK!
STRANGE THAT THOSE TWO MODEL STUDENTS ARE SKIPPING SCHOOL TO TAKE PART IN SOMETHING LIKE THAT! BAH...
SO FOLKNER DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEIR DISAPPEAR-ANCE?
WELL, THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE WASN'T OUT TO GET THEM!
HEY! IT'S BACK ON!

WELCOME BACK! HERE'S THE ENVELOPE WITH THE NAME OF THE WINNING CONTESTANT!
IT'S ME! I KNOW IT!
NO, IT'S ME FOR SURE!
AND THE TITLE MISS EVERYONE GOES TO... CAMELIA DALE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
WHAAAAT? H-HOW COULD THAT CHICK HAVE WON?
CONGRATU-LATIONS, CAMELIA! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO...
HOLD IT!
THIS IS ALL A SHAM! MISS "JUST-LIKE-EVERYBODY-ELSE" IS A TYPICAL BLUE-EYED, BLOND-HAIRED BABE!

THIS STUFF IS ALL OURS, BABE!
THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY! IT'S OUR DREAM!
HEY! LET GO!
GIRLS! PLEASE! YOU SHOULDN'T BE TAKING THIS ALL SO...
STRRAAAP
THE JUDGES WERE BRIBED! IT'S ALL A SHAM!
GET IT! GET ALL OF IT! OUR RATINGS WILL GO THROUGH THE ROOF!
PULL IN ON THOSE TWO NUT-JOBS!
GRR! YOU GUYS ARE RUINING MY CORONATION, YOU UGLY...
I COULD WATCH THAT A MILLION TIMES...
WELL, WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO OUR HEAD-QUARTERS!


At ye olde bookshop!
PFFF...
HA! HA! HA!
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HAH, HOO! I've never seen anything funnier in my life!
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THOSE TWO WANTED TO BECOME BEAUTY QUEENS?
THEY GOT US ALL WORRIED OVER NOTHING!
YEAH... THEY DESERVE TO BE PUBLICLY EXPOSED!
IMAGINE WHAT A SCOOP THIS WOULD BE FOR VANITY SHEFFIELD!
HE, HE!

OH, LEAVE THEM ALONE! THEY ALREADY GOT A GOOD **BEATING!**
YOU THINK SO? BUT THEY'RE ALWAYS PICKING ON OTHER PEOPLE...
SORRY TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT FROM THE GRUMPERS' **HAPPY ENDING**, BUT I'M STILL WORRIED ABOUT FOLKNER...
HAY LIN'S RIGHT!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE REASON BEHIND THOSE STRANGE CHECK-UPS AND THOSE FREAKY MACHINES!
EEP!
NOT TO MENTION HIS HOUSE AND HIS INTEREST IN RAGORLANGS...
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE FIND OUT HOW HE'S CONNECTED TO TECLA!
BUT HOW DO WE DO THAT? FOLLOW HIM AROUND?
YEAH, BUT MAYBE NOT RIGHT NOW. DO YOU REALIZE WHAT TIME IT IS?

THE NEXT DAY...
HEY! GUESS WHO'S BACK AT SCHOOL!
THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE BACK FROM BATTLE!
....AND FEISTIER THAN EVER!
SPEEEEECIAL EDITION!!!
HERE, TAKE YOUR FREE COPY OF VANITY SHEFFIELD!
I SAID, TAKE IT...
GULP!
...AND READ IT CAREFULLY!
WHAT'S INTERESTING IN IT, ANYWAY?
READ IT AND FIND OUT, PRINCESS!

Broken dreams behind the scenes: Beauty contest frauds exposed! (Page 5)

NO BUSINESS IN SHOW BUSINESS!

PRINCIPAL KNICKERBOCHER IS AN EXAMPLE OF CLASS AND EFFORTLESS CHARM

True beauty lies within

Sheffield's leading lady sets an example once again, showing she has no regard for outer appearances…

How we admire her! (See page 14)

UH-OH! I'VE GOT THE FEELING BESS AND COURTNEY HAVEN'T GOTTEN OVER IT YET...
WHAT THE GROUND?!
End of Episode.